

Issues over WSSC Water Mains Lead to a Two-hour Session

by James Giese

At its December 17 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council spent more than two hours considering what was essentially an administrative matter. The issue related to relocation and replacement of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) water mains from residential back yards to street rights-of-way. Council's main concern was a potential tree loss from the work.

As to that issue, WSSC, at council's request, will mark with ribbons any significant trees to be removed because of the pipe installation. City officials and adjacent residents will thus be able to see what the impact will be. This is to be done after final plans are completed but before work proceeds.

Also, with the concurrence of affected residents present, existing water mains in the back yards of nine nearby homes will be abandoned and their rights-of-way vacated in favor of the homeowners.

History

WSSC staff plans to refurbish its water storage tank on Ridge Road near Lastner Lane and behind some homes in Boxwood Village. The tank was built in

1936, when the original Greenbelt government housing was being built and before the city was a city and residents had moved into the model planned community. At that time there were no plans for housing near the tank and the few farm homes existing in that area were to be purchased by the government and removed. The water lines to and from the tank ran where best suited.

When Boxwood Village was subdivided, the water mains and their easements ran across the backyards of new homes on White Birch and Julian Courts and on Lastner Lane. Apparently some homeowners were not aware that these easements existed; they had been marked on a Boxwood Village plat as "to be abandoned."

Ridge Road between Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane is an historic road dating back to at least the nineteenth century, long before the government acquired land in the area for Greenbelt and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The road tied into Edmonston Road to the south and may even have preceded that part of Edmonston Road north of Greenbelt. It ran up

the hill, tying into the roadway running northward now called Research Road.

When the government bought land for Greenbelt, it was the intention to buy all land up to the boundaries of BARC. However, the government failed to reach purchase agreements with several property owners before appropriations to buy land had expired. One such property, then known as the Fury property, is now owned by members of the Jones family. This property lies along the north side of the road between the Lakeside North property and Lastner Lane, while a significant portion of the existing road bed lies within the Fury property boundaries.

Roads Not Platted

The federal government never bothered to plat the roads in Greenbelt until Congress ordered the land to be sold in 1953. At that time roadways were dedicated as public rights-of-way. Since the government owned only part of the existing Ridge Road, only that part was dedicated, well less than a fully dedicated right-of-way width.

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New Year's Eve Celebration Is "Not Just Any Show"

by Konrad Herling

The Kennedy Center may have been home for "three tenors" but Greenbelt's Evening with Friends New Year's Show will host four guitarists. Jan Knutson, a very talented Eleanor Roosevelt High School student and musician has produced a new CD, Out of Nowhere, which patrons can purchase at the event (janknutson.com). Joining Knutson will be Max Williamson, who performed with Knutson last summer. Mayor Emmett Jordan specializes in delightful Brazilian music and Bowie's Police Chief John Nesky will bring some light music to the stage, including the works of James Taylor. Greenbelt's Glenn Harris on bass makes everyone sound even better.

On the classical side, Konrad Herling will play some Chopin and the Pitts Piano group has offered their services as piano technicians to bring the piano into fine tune.

After you enter the Arts Center, and take care of your admission, the Pollinators, last seen in the Labor Day Parade, will serve wine, hot chocolate and hot cider along with light snacks.

The volunteer committee of Susan Barnett, Jean Newcomb, Frank Gervasi and Konrad Herling is striving to make this a zero waste event. They encourage folks to bring their own plates and cups, though there will be cups and plates for those who do not. As part of this effort, the committee is working with Greenbelt Compost Co-op.

After the show officially begins, the program host will interview Outstanding Citizen Kathleen McFarland who has given so much to our community.



Also featured are magician, "Matt," and short videos from the Utopia Film Festival. The Greenbelt MakerSpace will be participating with a demonstration of robotics, one of their core areas of focus.

Patrons will be offered the opportunity to contribute to the fundraising efforts for a reel-to-reel projector. The Greenbelt Development Corporation contributed over \$2700 to the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater (FOGT) to help get the effort going.

This reel-to-reel system would allow the Greenbelt theater to showcase the very best films from archives across the D.C. metro area and beyond. The patron who purchases the lucky ticket will receive a free facial from Gwen Vaccaro's shop.

There will also be dancing in the halls of the Arts Center with music from a wide range of eras.

As noted in previous articles, as part of the program's expression of thanks to our police and fire departments, Sparky the Dog will be in the house. Fire hats may be available for young folks and for those who still feel young. The committee invites folks dedicated to public safety to join patrons attending the show, to sing Auld Lang Syne at the Mother and Child statue at midnight. Also on board to greet visitors and possibly to join in song at midnight will be the Greenbelt Lions representative, King Lion. The committee is still in search of a comedian. Ideas anyone?

For more information about the event or to make reservations, call Konrad at 301-345-9369.

Puppets Will Help Teach Arts to GES Students

by Barbara Simon

Students at Greenbelt Elementary School this winter and spring will explore the world of puppetry with Ingrid C. Hass and Ole Hass, who will be performing puppet plays and leading workshops with every grade beginning with kindergarten. The Hasses, who have formed Beech Tree Puppets, will engage children in an art form that combines writing, acting, music and the visual arts. This series of projects is funded by a grant from the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council and by the school PTA, which received a gift of \$1,000 from the grandmother of a student at the school. The donation has been designated for an artist residency, which al-

lows the Hasses to work in-depth over many months.

Ole and Ingrid are passionate about the way puppets engage children of all ages, bringing a sense of wonder to a story or subject. Puppets break down barriers and cross cultural differences and open students to new ideas. The possibilities of using puppets in education are boundless.

Children in kindergarten, first and second grades at Greenbelt Elementary School will see "The Hollow Stump," a rod puppet performance based on the Russian folk tale "The Mitten" that features forest animals, each with

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Council Gets Updates on Theater And Middle School Renovations

by Kathleen Gallagher

In addition to a number of routine matters, the agenda for the December 8 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council included an update on the theater renovation and a discussion of the diminishing likelihood that the city will be able to make use of space in the historic section of the Greenbelt Middle School to enhance city services in Greenbelt West. Also on the agenda, to be covered in a future story, were actions taking the first steps in two significant capital projects, including new roofing in the Aquatic and Fitness Center and long-needed improvements in the Community Center HVAC system. All councilmembers except Edward Putens were present.

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club made a surprise presentation at the beginning of the meeting. On behalf of the club's executive board, Nicole Williams presented council with a \$500 check for the city's Emergency Assistance Fund, which is designated to assist city residents who are at risk of eviction. The donation represents contributions made by

members throughout the year to the club's wish box. This has become a tradition.

Theater Update

City Manager Michael McLaughlin gave a brief update on the status of the Greenbelt theater renovation. He said that, based on information presented at a progress meeting held the prior week, the work is about two months behind schedule. The delay is in part because the project needs to be redesigned to use the return air duct in the auditorium because the HVAC replacement for the auditorium has been put off until Phase 2. Additionally, another duct issue was discovered that requires some redesign of the bathroom renovation work. McLaughlin said he hoped to find ways to accelerate the schedule but at this point the target has become the end of February.

Councilmember Silke Pope said the delay was disappointing but that renovation work is rarely predictable. "You never know what you'll find behind the walls," she said. Councilmember Judith Davis encouraged residents

to make a point of patronizing the restaurants and other businesses in Roosevelt Center while the theater is closed.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked McLaughlin how confident the city is in the new projection for the end of February. McLaughlin said that is now

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What Goes On

Saturday, December 27

Donation Drop-off is cancelled.

Wednesday, December 31

8:30 p.m. to midnight. New Year's Eve Party, Greenbelt Arts Center

Thursday, January 1

City and GHI offices, Greenbelt Library and Community Center will be closed.

Thursday, January 1

9 a.m. to noon. Resolution Swim, Aquatic and Fitness Center

Letters to the Editor

Gratitude

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to this Greenbelt community. When I lost my brother unexpectedly and had to fly back to Japan last month, I received overwhelming support from my friends in this community, including Patricia Novinski and Patti Stange, my neighbors in the Greenbriar community and the members of Greenbelt Baptist Church. I have lived in many different towns in the U.S., but these local friends showed me true friendship and provided heart-warming assistance in this time of trial. I am deeply touched by their support. I am so glad that I live in Greenbelt.

And, my husband who is working in Kabul, Afghanistan, also extends his gratitude to the Greenbelt community for being there for me when I really needed your help.

Kyoko Kobayashi Hillman

A Temporary Fix For Forest Preserve

I'm not an insider on this issue but it seems to me that an individual who wants to do something now for the Forest Preserve can take a pair of garden shears and cut English ivy at the base of trees where it starts climbing up. No ivy is pulled. No ivy is even disposed of since the vine on the tree will die on its own. It doesn't solve the problem, just provides a temporary (albeit incomplete) fix for the tree until a proper plan for the Forest Preserve is worked out.

Barbara Bjanas

Holiday Greetings

To Friends,
old and new,
And a Healthy
and Happy
New Year, too.

Elizabeth Pels Nash

*Wishing You
Every Happiness
This Holiday Season
And Throughout
The Coming Year!*

Emmett V. Jordan
Greenbelt City Council - Mayor

Season's Greetings

from
**Mary Lou
Williamson**

Thanks

We are writing to thank the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors for taking member choice seriously in its December 4 Homes Improvement Program (HIP) vote. The board demonstrated respect for members' differing financial situations and upgrade preferences, leaving most HIP recommendations opt-in. The Buildings Committee and the board worked hard to get us to this point and now the membership will deliberate and decide.

*Anna Socrates,
Christopher Shuman,
Cynthia Newcomer,
Kris White and
Stephen Holland*



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a Joyous New Year*

Robert and Sylvia Lewis

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and throughout
the New Year!

Judith "J" Davis

Patuxent Center Activities, Closures

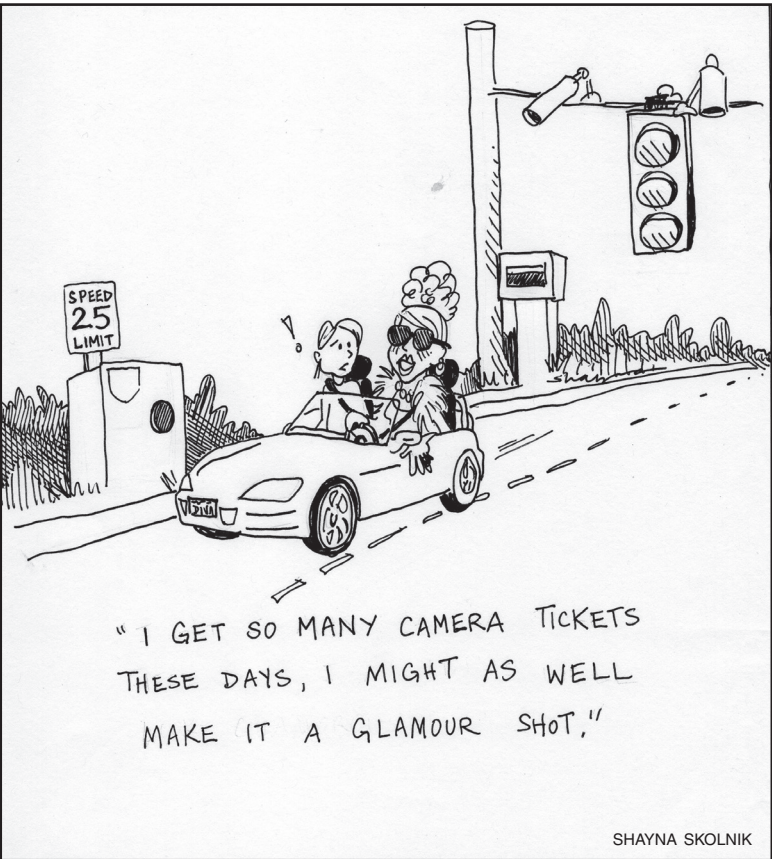
Stop by the National Wildlife Visitor Center to see the Hollingsworth Art Gallery's December artist, Jay Coleman. Visit the gallery page to learn more: fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/gallery.html

January features Patuxent Research Refuge and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center staff.

The North Tract will be closing at noon on New Year's Eve (Wednesday, December 31) and will remain closed through New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1). The Visitor Center will be closing at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve (Wednesday, December 31) and will remain closed through New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1).

The Visitor Center is closed to the public on Thursdays.

Hunting, now in session, may be occurring in various areas throughout the refuge this fall season through January 31. Make sure to stay on marked trails at all times and find out about closed areas or trails when visiting.



Correction

The article in the December 18 News Review entitled "Freak Accident Kills Resident" (p. 8) incorrectly stated the date of the accident. The accident occurred on Sunday, December 14.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) branches will be closed on Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1 for the New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day holidays. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Friday, January 2 at 10 a.m.

Storytimes

The next storytime will be presented on Tuesday, December 30: Toddler Storytime, 2 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit is 20 people.

English-Spanish Preschool Storytime. Ages 3 to 5, Monday, January 5, limit 20 people. Stories, fingerplays and songs will be presented in English and Spanish. Pick up tickets at the information desk.

Meet the EmPOWER Rangers! Tuesday, January 6 at 3 p.m. Bring the family and join one of the Rangers for a fun interactive presentation about our energy choices and what we can do today to make our homes and neighborhoods cleaner and greener. Learn how to reduce energy use, save money and safeguard the earth.

Let it Snow – with Lace. Teens and up, Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. is limited to seven participants. Learn the basics of shuttle tatting which is a type of lacemaking. By learning one stitch, participants can create their own snowflakes. Registration is required.

Books at Bedtime: Infants and Toddlers Program. Tuesday, January 6 at 7 p.m.; limit 20 people. Start the bedtime routine at the library with sing-a-longs, stories and quiet play activities that encourage engagement between caregivers and children. The focus is on age-appropriate social, emotional, communication and literacy skills. Pick up a ticket at the information desk before the program. Presented by the Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk on the day of each storytime to pick up free tickets.

There will be no storytimes on Thursday, January 1 due to the New Year’s Day holiday.

Twenty-four Kids Take Part in “Shop with a Cop”

by George Mathews

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) helped make Christmas a memorable one for 24 Greenbelt children during its annual “Shop with a Cop” event, which took place Saturday, December 13 at Beltway Plaza. Children from the community who are in need had the opportunity to shop with Greenbelt police officers and members of the Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club and to purchase Christmas presents for themselves and family members. The children were allotted a budget of \$100 and taken to the local Target to shop. After shopping they were taken to the fire department for a present-wrapping party where they enjoyed pizza while they wrapped their gifts.

Target managers and employees added to the fun by distributing age-appropriate books to kids at checkout.

The FOP expressed gratitude to the officers and their family members, as well as to other employees of the Greenbelt Police Department and the Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club.

George Mathews is the Public Information Officer for the Greenbelt Police Department.



PHOTO BY GEORGE MATHEWS

Members of the Greenbelt police force and Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club escort children to “Shop with a Cop.”

Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

Now is the time to plan ahead in order to accommodate changes in the regular advertising and print schedule of the Greenbelt News Review. Please note the following:

New Year’s Week Issue – Dated Thursday, January 1

Advertising and Copy Deadline:
MONDAY 12/29 at 8 p.m.

Holiday Office Hours:

Monday 12/29 – 2 to 4 p.m., 6 to 8 p.m.
(Tuesday 12/30 – Saturday 1/3 – CLOSED)

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must reach us by no later than Monday at 8 p.m., sooner if possible. Please note that we will not be able to accept additional material for these issues after the stated deadlines.

The News Review is grateful for everyone’s help in submitting their advertisements and copy as early as possible so the special holiday schedule will work. Please call us at 301-474-4131 if there are any questions. Happy Holidays to All!

More
Community Events
are located
throughout the paper.

ADMIT ONE



Greenbelt Arts Center
New Year’s Eve 2014

Arts Advisory Board To Meet January 6

The Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, January 6, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Topics of discussion are expected to include the future operation of the theater and a proposal to carve a standing tree trunk outside the Community Center.

For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

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The Gambler, R (!)
11, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
The Hobbit: Battle of Five Armies,
PG-13
11:25, 2:40, 6:30, 9:40
Annie, PG
11, 11:50, 1:55, 3, 4:30, 5:45,
7:10, 8:30, 9:40
Night At The Museum, PG
11:30, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20
Exodus “Gods and Kings,” PG-13
11, 2:30, 6:15, 9:30
Top Five, R
11:15, 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50



GUTTER CLEANING

Aerotech Gutter, DCG Cleaning, & Gilbert Construction are performing fall gutter cleaning and inspections. Inclement weather may affect the schedule but the workers plan on being in this approximate area the week beginning December 29.

Woodland Way, courts 1-8; Northway, 135 A and B;
GDC Garages

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

Obituaries

Lucinda H. Frend

Lucinda H. Frend, an office services supervisor with the FBI, died of cancer on December 15, 2014, at the home of her son Daniel surrounded by family.

Cindy, as she was known, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and grew up in Cheverly. In her childhood she found pleasure in torturing her five younger siblings whom she was often forced to babysit. Surviving a Catholic upbringing with no more than the normal amount of guilt and anguish, she excelled at St. Ambrose School, Elizabeth Seton and Bladensburg High Schools and earned her degree from the University of Maryland.

In between lamenting her sins, she developed an amazing work ethic like her dad, Richard. She mastered English grammar which served her well in her 30 years with C&P Telephone, Bell Atlantic, Verizon and a second career of 10 years with the FBI, serving her country.

Cindy was hardworking and a lifelong giver to others, as well as somewhat religiously skeptical. Through her humble manner she was able to connect and build lifelong friendships with others. She volunteered for 30 years at the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) where she served as the secretary. She was also an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a volunteer proofreader for the News Review. She was proud to be part of the BHVFD and the FBI. She had dreamed of hanging out at the fire department in retirement “someday” and harassing the young folks until they threw her out.

Her friends and family were often afraid when writing and emailing her, as it was impossible to write to her standards. She would never correct us, but we knew what she was thinking. She had a true “Poppleton” family inappropriate sense of humor.

Survivors include her son Daniel Frend and his wife Mindi of Glen Burnie, her long-term dear friend Jim Davis of Greenbelt, her ex-husband Daniel W. Frend, Jr., her three grandchildren, Brennan, Kaitlin and Ava Frend, her two sisters Tricia and Joan and three brothers Rick, Jim and Scott, as well as many dear friends at the FBI, BHVFD and in Greenbelt.

Should friends desire, contributions may be made on Cindy’s behalf to the not-for-profit Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, Md. 21122 or the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, 8811 60th Ave, Berwyn Heights, Md. 20740. Both of these organizations’ support was invaluable to Cindy and her family in their times of need.

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will hold a memorial service for Cindy on January 3, 2015. This service will be held at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Company 35 beginning at 11 a.m.

– Daniel Frend



In Memoriam

Alvin Hargrave, an Educator And Always a Tennis Fanatic



Alvin “Al” Hargrave, 77, of Greenbelt died on Sunday, December 14, 2014. He was killed by an individual who hijacked an ambulance and crashed into Al’s car in Beltway Plaza. (See article in the December 18 News Review) Al was born on January 15, 1937, in Morse, La., to Hazel Gaspard and Amar Hargrave. He graduated from Southwestern Louisiana Institute in Lafayette in May of 1959. Thereafter, Al served in the United States Army and was stationed in Paris, France. After his military service, the launch of Sputnik created a call throughout the country for math and science teachers. Al answered this call by completing a master’s degree in math and science from Hunter College in New York City. While in New York, Al met and married Susan Mack.


Al served as a math teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in Silver Spring for 35 years from 1968 until his retirement in 2003. Televised interviews with the principal at Kennedy and some of Al’s former students and colleagues, recently aired by NBC News, attest to his remarkable achievements as an educator. Dialo Nelson, a former student and currently a teacher and football coach at Kennedy, noted that Al “was a dedicated teacher who left a great legacy of public service.” Principal Joe Rubens commented that Al always went

above and beyond what was required both in his classes and in his community and that “he was a tremendous champion for kids.”


Throughout his career and into retirement, Al was an avid and competitive tennis player. As a long time tennis partner, I can personally attest to Al’s fanaticism. He and I were always the first ones to come to Braden Field for doubles four times a week, where we waited impatiently for other people to show up. We would either clean the courts of debris or rainwater, talk tennis or play singles. Al always said, you should find something you love and “go for it.” He truly did that when it came to tennis. On the other hand, his fellow tennis players often gave him grief because of his devotion to the Dallas Cowboys football team. He invited that scorn by wearing Cowboys’ insignias on the courts. Finally, although he was very lean and athletic, Al thoroughly enjoyed Cajun food.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his sister, Velma Vice; her sons, Lowell, Joel and Jason; his sons, Michael Hargrave and daughter-in-law Abigail Hargrave of Annapolis and James Todd Hargrave and daughter-in-law Liesl Hargrave of Fort Collins, Co.; and his grandchildren Benjamin, Lillian, Charles, Samuel and Eleanor.

– Stan Zirkir



*The Greenbelt News Review wishes everyone
a safe and happy holiday season.
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that provides the news
and to the advertisers that make it possible
to publish the newspaper each week.*



Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School “It’s Academic” team for its decisive win on the show broadcast December 20.

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– Kathleen McFarland



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with Dayna Edwards, Dir. of Multigenerational Education; Worship Associate Bettie Young, and the Chalice Dancers.

This service sponsored by our Diversity/Anti Racism Transformation Team DARTT will feature traditional music and rituals, drumming, stories, creation of art and the Chalice Dancers. In the Kwanzaa tradition of assessment as part of this end of year celebration, PBUUC members and friends will examine “Selma Then, Ferguson Now.” The service will be followed immediately by the Kwanzaa Sharing Feast.

This is an All Ages Celebration: children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided.

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its own character expressed in poetry and song. Kindergarten students will then create talking bears and other animal characters of their own, and the first grade classes will develop writing projects that relate to the performance. Second grade students will make puppets inspired by their own poetry. They will then present a show interweaving their poetry and puppets for the kindergarten and first grade classes. “The Hollow Stump” performances and the second grade workshops are funded by the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council grant.

Ingrid will be bringing back to the school a previous puppet program as well. In the spring, first grade children will see “Butterfly Wonder” and make caterpillar and butterfly puppets to retell the story of transformation and life cycles. The third grade will see “The Giant Turnip,” performed by Beech Tree Puppets. The students will then create puppets of their own and write their own fables, which they will perform for their classmates. Ingrid hopes to expand the project to add dimensions of setting and character development, while classroom teachers are working on additional ways to use the puppets, building on the stories and the characters the students have created.

In January, about the time of Lunar New Year celebrations, fourth and fifth grade students will learn about traditional Chinese shadow puppets, and then make their own puppets and create a show about the Chinese zodiac. They will also see a performance of “The Giant Turnip,” which uses shadow puppet elements extensively to show what takes place under the ground as the turnip in the tale grows.

Ingrid and Ole hope to be able to continue their puppetry projects at Greenbelt Elementary School in the future. Inspired by the gift from the grandmother that made so much of their residency possible this year, the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts has partnered with the school PTA to create the Family Fund for the Arts at Greenbelt Elementary School. The fund hopes to bring more local artists to the school in future long-term residencies, as well as allow the Hasses to reach more children there each year.



Ole and Ingrid Hass working their puppets.



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Week of December 29

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Tuesday Route – Regular schedule

Wednesday Route – Regular schedule

Thursday Route – Collected Friday.

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 2nd

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It could be argued that the entire road bed is a public right-of-way in view of its long established usage, though the city has not pursued that issue. Instead it has had various understandings and misunderstandings with the owners of the Fury property as to the road’s maintenance and use and in recent years, even agreeing to allow the owners to close the road to vehicle traffic.

New Mains

Now, with the refurbishing of the water tank, WSSC staff also want to replace the connecting mains, which have exceeded designated life expectancy, and to install new ones relocated within street rights-of-way including the narrow strip of dedicated Ridge Road adjacent to the Fury property. Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed his preference for putting the new lines in the road bed itself so as not to damage any trees. He was advised, however, that the right-of-way is not sufficiently wide to make that change.

When this matter was presented to Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby, she asked the WSSC staff to present alternatives and two alternatives to the original plans were presented at the worksession. Both utilized either existing or new easements in resident back yards, something residents present did not wish to do. Councilmembers agreed it would be well to remove the pipes from the backyards.

As to the trees on the Ridge Road right-of-way, the general belief of residents present was that the trees had been seriously storm damaged and that their loss would not be significant. As to the abandoned line, WSSC will pack the then empty pipes with a slurry preventing the pipes, buried five to eight feet deep, from collapsing. The pipes will be left in place. The existing utility easements will be vacated, giving the property owners full use of their backyards.

Although not on the city’s invitation list, Crystal Jones and David Jones, Sr. were present to represent their property across Ridge Road but not within the city, 300 Ridge Road. They alluded to an ongoing battle with the city over the use and maintenance of the road over many decades. They asked if the area disturbed by the water line installation might be resurfaced as a pathway for children using Ridge Road to go to school so as to keep them off of their property. Council agreed to consider this idea, although concern was expressed that steep grades might make the path unsuitable.

Pipe work will be done from the water tank to existing pipe on Lastner Lane and bordering the corner lot there. On Lastner Lane the pipe will be laid alongside the curb. This work could disrupt traffic, possibly causing the temporary rerouting of Metro and school buses.

Other Information

On more than one occasion the WSSC staff present (at least a half-dozen) whose principal spokespersons were Karen Wright, Systems Control group leader, and Scott Demler, principal civil designer for the Technical Services Group, told council that the new pipe may not last as long as the existing pipe might. Pipe of that era, lacking modern design technology, was over-built, they said. While that pipe could last still longer, its age could result in an increasing rate of failure.

The water tank is there primarily to provide water pressure to homes in much of the northern part of the county, since the hill it is on is the second highest elevation in the county. It’s amazing that such a little tank can maintain water pressure in so many homes but that’s the way the laws of physics work.

The water tank and adjacent property are loaded with antennas and cell towers, because of the height. WSSC permits public agencies to use the property without charge and both the city police and public works utilize the facility for their radio systems.

City streets are not located on city “owned” land. They are on public rights-of-way dedicated for public use by the owners of adjacent property upon its subdivision or for other reasons. Public utilities and other public agencies have the right to use the property for their needs as

well as for its use as a public thoroughfare.

The city assumes responsibility for maintaining the streets, generally upon their being built by the adjacent property owner in accordance with city standards. Since these rights-of-way are dedicated for public use, the public cannot be restricted in general from using them. If property ceases to be used by the public by order of a court, the use may be vacated; in such a case, the right-of-way becomes the property of adjacent landholders.

The easements in the backyards of the Boxwood homes were granted to WSSC for a water main, although the property remains owned by the owner of the lot. The easement permits WSSC to install and maintain a water line within that easement and limits what the homeowner can do to that property, such as build a structure on it. WSSC can relinquish its right to that easement, in which case the owner then obtains full use of that property.

Windsor Green

The city council had hoped to turn this meeting into a stakeholder meeting with WSSC and to cover some other issues. Although that did not work out, council was provided with information about a long-standing problem with low water pressure in some homes in the Windsor Green development.

Because that development was

built upon another high point in the city, it has experienced low water pressure problems since it was built. WSSC now requires builders to install booster pumps in homes on high ground. But Windsor Green was “then” and some 210 homeowners are affected.

Wright told council that WSSC staff has met with the Windsor Green homeowners and reached agreement. WSSC will provide homeowners with pumps which they can have installed by a plumber. WSSC will provide a rebate of up to \$800 for the plumbing installation. There will be a two-year time period in which this work can be done.

Councilmembers Edward Putens and Judith Davis were concerned that with the turnover of properties there, not all homeowners would get the word. Wright noted that WSSC was dealing with homeowners and not the residents, who might be renters. She noted that the problem varies in the development depending on elevation. Only 59 of the 210 homeowners have complained, she said. Davis said that by the end of the two year period, new owners may not get the word.

Roberts questioned why these customers had to maintain and replace the pumps when they were worn out. He felt they should get service equal to that of other water customers.

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the goal for completing Phase 1, including acquisition of the equipment required for the 35mm projector.

Middle School

Ongoing discussion about the feasibility of the city using five classrooms in the old Greenbelt Middle School for programming or services in Greenbelt West continued with a cost estimate from Gardiner and Gardiner on what it would take to make the rooms usable. The information they provided was not a bid or formal estimate to do work; rather it was informational to the city to aid its discussions. Especially in light of a recent jump in the rent (now up to \$10 per square foot) quoted by the county for city use of the space, the discussion has largely become a cost-benefit analysis. The mayor explained that the council had asked the city manager to get the estimate as a way to move forward council’s own discussions as well as those with the school system staff.

The estimate received was for nearly \$179,000, plus a \$10,000 contingency. The biggest single cost was \$52,000 to replace heating units in the rooms. An item of new construction was also included: almost \$6,000 for expanding existing bathroom space to meet applicable ADA requirements. Over and above the renovation and rental costs, McLaughlin pointed out that there would be other ongoing costs associated with staffing the space. He also

noted that, whereas the original plan had been for the French Immersion School to use only about 45 percent of the available space, it is now the case that the immersion program will use all but the five classrooms.

As presented to council by McLaughlin, the most likely city use for the space would be by the Greenbelt CARES office for extending GED, tutoring and mentoring programs. Other potential uses that had been discussed earlier, such as by the Planning and Community Development or the Recreation Departments, are no longer thought to be feasible.

In his memorandum to the city council about these matters, McLaughlin asserted that the rent is too high, especially considering that the city would have to make improvements such as the heaters, which would remain in the space if the city were to leave. In the absence of successful negotiation of better terms, he recommended against pursuing the matter further, considering the city’s other capital needs.

Davis agreed that the rent would have to be lowered to take into account not just the heaters but most of the other renovations and improvements that would accrue to the county if the city left the space. She said the city had had “a great idealistic Utopian dream” of how the space might be used but not at this price.

Herling, too, questioned the investment by the city in long-

term improvements. He said he thought the city’s use would likely be relatively short term but that the city’s plans for short-term versus long-term use would be different and should both be discussed.

Councilmember Leta Mach, who is the council liaison to both the Advisory Committee on Education and also the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force, the latter having completed its work in exploring possible city uses for the space, said she was “very disappointed that this is the state we’re in.” She asked why there had been no accounting by the school system on the more than doubling of the rental costs.

Mach disagreed with the city manager on whether the planning department could use the space. He had advised that the problem would be that the space currently housing the department in the Community Center had been permanently subdivided years ago and would not be easily adapted to other uses without spending a good deal of renovation money there. Mach suggested that Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) could use some of the space.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that, even though the estimate was intended only to be informational, conclusions should never be drawn from one estimate. He urged getting competitive bids to see if necessary work could be done more economically. He suggested that if some CARES functions could

be moved west, council could use the Municipal Building on Wednesday nights rather than investing in making cablecasting possible from the multipurpose room at the Community Center. He said he would like to pursue these things and continue to negotiate.

Pope, who works at Springhill Lake Elementary School and is a former resident of Greenbelt West, said she had never believed that this plan would work. She said the city council and city residents had invested a great deal of time into this for at least five years and that it had been wasted energy. She opposed wasting any more time on it.

“I don’t believe this is going to happen,” she said. “We can’t spend this kind of money to renovate [the school system’s] space.”

Mayor Emmett Jordan essentially agreed, saying, “Putting this much money into something that’s not ours doesn’t sit well with me.” He also said he had taken to heart the opinion expressed by David Whaples, the architect who served on the Middle School Task Force, who said all along that this classroom space was only good for classrooms. Jordan said he did not think the door was closed

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Theft

December 12, 6 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Jewelry was taken from a residence during a party.

December 15, 11:30 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An unattended stroller and safety seat were taken from in front of a residence.

Trespass

December 12, 5:56 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 30-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was observed on the grounds of Beltway Plaza Mall after having been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

December 11, 1:20 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A woman taking a shower heard a noise coming from the living room. She then saw a man in the bedroom. He ran and fled through the living room sliding glass door, which had been shattered. Nothing appeared to have been taken, although the television and some components were unplugged.

December 13, 1:28 a.m., 6200

block Breezewood Drive. A residence was ransacked after a bedroom window was broken out. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism

December 11, 2:30 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. The patio door of a residence was shattered.

Vehicle Crime

Two thefts from autos occurred. On Crescent Road near Hillside a handicap placard was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle. In the 7400 block Greenbelt Road a rear passenger window was broken and a purse was taken.

Two attempted thefts from autos occurred. On Parkway near Crescent an unlocked vehicle was rummaged through but it appeared nothing was taken. In the 7500 block Mandan Road a vehicle was rummaged through after a passenger window was broken. It appeared nothing was taken.

Vandalism was reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Road, where profanities were scratched on three vehicles.

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to further negotiation but it was only slightly ajar.

Whaples, who was present in the audience, spoke very forcefully in saying that the school board has chosen to use the space as a school in bringing the immersion program there, that they are using most of it as a school immediately and will almost surely expand the student population and in the relatively near future take back the space being offered to the city for rental. And that's okay, he said, because "that's the perfect use of that space and will continue to be. The number of classrooms is far too few in this county now and that will continue to be the case."

Davis made a motion that arrangements be made for staff and council to brief the new school board representative and that staff attempt to negotiate the costs of the rent and permanent improvements to the property with the school system staff. The motion carried 5-1, with Pope voting against continuing to negotiate.

Electric Vehicle Recharging

It was just a matter of time before this "first" came up, given increasing interest among Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) members in electric cars. The city received its first request to give permission for installation of an Electric Vehicle Service Equipment charging station in a city right-of-way. In this case, Ken and Elizabeth Chandler of 62 Court Ridge have asked to install the charging station adjacent to the curb at their GHI-assigned parking space. It will be hardwired to the electric unit installed in their house. The Chandlers have agreed to accept full financial responsibility for all costs associated with the permitting, installation, maintenance and any removal of the unit and associated cabling. GHI has agreed to accept responsibility for parking enforcement and long-term maintenance should the Chandlers default on their commitments. All parties will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Resident Chris Shuman asked if the city was adequately protected against liability in case of vandalism or other damage. City Solicitor John Shay said an indemnity clause could be added easily enough. With that addition the council approved the MOU as proposed.

Recognizing that it will likely

receive similar requests in the future, the city has cautioned that the installation of charging units in city right-of-way for use by one residence will be limited to those areas of GHI where there is already resident-assigned parking within city-right-of-way.

Film for FBI

An addition to the agenda was a request from Herling, which was approved by council, to authorize support from the city of \$5,000 toward the production costs of the Four Cities video for use in promoting Greenbelt Station as the site for the new FBI headquarters. The cities of Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton will also contribute.

Local Legislation

Assistant City Manager David Moran presented two bills that will be introduced in the 2015 General Assembly session that would be effective only in Prince George's County. One is the perennial effort to impose a fee of up to five cents on plastic bags. Pope noted that it was unfortunate that there was no provision for use of these fees.

The other is a requirement that Prince George's County prepare an annual report on the tax differential it provides each municipality and make it publicly available. The differential is the difference in tax rebated when a municipality provides a service that would otherwise have to be provided by the county. Currently, cities are informed on only their own differential figures.

Making this information available to all will make the process more transparent. The city council agreed to support both bills.

Presentations

The city received a Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties award at the National League of Cities conference in November. The city achieved gold medal level in all areas of the Let's Move! initiative.

The city also received a Maryland Energy Administration award at the Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting last month for its participation in the Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program. Julie McHale, Director of Recreation, and Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator, were presented the two awards respectively.



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Rep. Steny Hoyer Visits St. Hugh's Food Pantry

by Sue Krofchik

A special Santa made an early visit to Greenbelt on November 21, in the form of U.S. Congressman and House Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5), bringing food to help stock the Greenbelt Food Pantry.

This came about when a Hoyer staff member read a letter to the editor in the November 13 issue of the News Review from Solange Hess, chair of the pantry committee, thanking donors for their unfailing generosity. The pantry is located at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church as part of the Ladies of Charity mission but provides food for any Greenbelt resident regardless of church affiliation.

Hoyer's staff routinely donates to area food pantries but his visit here was in no way routine for pantry volunteers. It began with a call to Mary Ann Tretler, president of the Ladies of Charity, about the congressman's desire to visit the pantry and the security measures that would need to be in effect.

Prior to the visit, Hoyer staff visited St. Hugh's and the locations in which Hoyer would be. On the day of the visit, government officials did a security sweep of the area. After clearance was obtained Hoyer arrived, escorted by an FBI agent.

"Food pantries play a vital role in assisting families who might otherwise have no place to turn for food, especially during the holiday season," Hoyer said. He also commented on the important work done by the Ladies of Charity, of which the pantry is a part.

St. Hugh's has collected food for the hungry for years. In 2007, when Hess was president of the Ladies of Charity, she met with the pastor of St. Hughes, Reverend Walter Tappe, to discuss what more could be done.

MVA Expands Waiver Period for Veterans

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has announced that the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Military Waiver grace period to allow a waiver of the CDL skills test for veterans has been increased from 90 days to one year from the date of military separation.

The CDL Military Waiver allows veterans and active duty personnel who meet specific criteria to use the skills they obtained in the military to obtain the recognized civilian CDL. As permitted under regulations from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the MVA will waive the driver skills test for veterans, which is required to obtain a commercial license.

The waiver only applies to a Class A and Class B CDL. To qualify veterans must have two years of experience driving as part of their job function immediately preceding their discharge from the military; have a good driving record; have certification from their commanding officers of the type of vehicle they operated to determine the appropriate license classification and their years of operation and pass the CDL knowledge test.

Fr. Tappe designated a room in Grenoble Hall to be the pantry, shelves were installed and community outreach was expanded. Over the years many organizations, groups and individuals have supported the pantry through donations of food and sometimes money to keep the shelves stocked. Bob Davis, general manager of the Co-op Supermarket, provided a green bin and a space to keep it, near the store exit, making it convenient for shoppers to drop off food before leaving the store.

Pantry volunteers meet each Friday to prepare bags for recipients. They are given three bags a week, one with food for breakfasts, one for lunches and one for dinners. Recipients must call the St. Hugh's Rectory a day in advance to schedule a pick-up time.

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Congressman Steny Hoyer visits the Greenbelt Food Pantry after learning about Solange Hess's thank you letter in the News Review. Left to right, Hoyer, Ann Marques, Helen White, Hess and Mayor Emmett Jordan.

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Dr. Caitlin McGrath at the National Museum of the American Indian following the symposium she led on images of Native Americans in film.

Greenbelter C. McGrath Leads Indian Programs

by Ginny Jones

On Saturday, December 6 an event titled Captured Shadows: Circulating Images of Native Americans on Film was held in the Rasmusson Theater at the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). The two-part symposium was organized by Dr. Caitlin McGrath, who was also the lead speaker. McGrath, who resides in Greenbelt, is active in the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre.

At the symposium she focused on the photographic work of Joseph Kossuth Dixon, who spent the years 1908 to 1913 traveling by railroad across the United States photographing a wide range of Native Americans in their daily lives. He hoped to help them gain the rights of American citizenship.

The second speaker was Andy Uhrich, a film archivist from Indiana University, who described the team of Katherine Ertz-Bowden and Charles Bowden who toured the United States from 1904 to 1908. They lectured on Longfellow’s poem Hiawatha, displaying film from a staging of the poem by Ojibwe actors.

Jennifer Jenkins, a professor from the University of Arizona,

then spoke on The Afterlife of Film, describing the work of the American Indian Film Gallery. This is a collection of films archived at the University of Arizona that allows researchers and native communities to examine a century of recordings of Native American experiences.

The final speaker for the first session was Ralph Bauer, a professor from the University of Maryland, who rounded out the forum by presenting non-film views and attitudes toward Native Americans from the 1400s to the present.

The second session presented a group of short films from Navajo Film Themselves from 1966 and 2013, followed by a question and answer discussion with archivists and the filmmakers. The event was a fascinating glimpse into how Native Americans have been portrayed over the years by a disparate group of observers, leading one to question the impact that film images of Native Americans have had on the creation of the stereotypes that persist to this day.

Ginny Jones is a News Review staff member and a volunteer at NMAI.

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